

## **RESOLUTION NO. R2014-022**

**A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, to establish a Community Matching Fund to incentivize neighborhood initiated projects and events to enhance community engagement.

**WHEREAS**, “Build a community recognized for quality,” was established as a Tumwater City Council strategic priority to strengthen the community and build citizen engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Matching Fund was set as a program goal to create community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens that interact with their neighbors and work together have stronger ties to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, citizen groups that self-organize, initiate, plan, invest resources and implement projects and events together, build a sense of community and interconnectedness that benefits the public; and

**WHEREAS**, citizen engagement has been shown to have many public benefits, including cultivating active, informed, and invested citizens; increasing social connection; improving quality of life, economic vitality, and resilience for disaster recovery; and ultimately providing for better democracy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The Tumwater City Council hereby establishes the Community Matching Fund Program to provide grant funding to stimulate neighborhoods and community groups to organize and complete mutually agreed upon projects or events that promote community engagement and benefit the public. Grant funds will be matched by group volunteer labor, in-kind donations, or cash resources according to the Community Matching Fund Policy.

**Section 2:** A budget for the Community Matching Fund will be established by the Tumwater City Council budget process. The 2013-2014 biennial City Budget allocated \$10,000 to support the creation of the Community Matching Fund.

**Section 3:** The City Council directs staff to create policies and procedures and implement the Community Matching Fund Program grants to further the goals of the program.


**Section 4. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 5. Severability.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

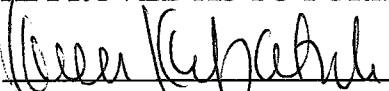
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Pete Kmet, Mayor

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney